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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Lightly Occupied Towns of Austria

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1. ST. VALENTIN (O 49/W 07): The Soviet kommandatura was located at 6 Hauptstrasse. Its personnel wore black-bordered red epaulets. Guard detail at the Enns River bridge was relieved from the kommandatura.

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- 25X12. MELK on the Danube River (O 49/W 68):

a. A unit of 150 men, undergoing basic infantry training and throwing practice hand grenades, was observed in the "Donauauen" (meadows along the Danube River) in the morning.

b. Two 50-man details left the kaserne for the "Donauauen" in the afternoon; they were apparently troops other than those observed in the morning.

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3. BAD FISCHAU (O 48/X 34):

a. One Soviet colonel was seen entering the kaserne. The sentry in front of the kaserne wore black-bordered, black epaulets.

b. A local resident stated that about 50 soldiers, half of whom were officers, were quartered in the kaserne.

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- 25X14. NEUSIEDL AM SEE (P 48/X 76): No occupation troops.

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5. KITZSEE (4 1/2 miles southwest of BRATISLAVA): Soviet border guard detail, commanded by a major.

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6. RAINBURG (P 49/A 89): A guard detail of about 40 men and a penal unit of about 80 men were located in the former Schloss Kaserne, a local resident reported.

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Comment:

- a. The information on the occupation of ST. VALENTIN, NEUSIEDL A SEE and KITTSEE as of early August 1949 does not indicate any change, if compared with previous reports.
- b. Two hundred to three hundred engineer troops (possibly component units of the 177th Engr Bn/95th Gds Wtz Rifle Div) had been located in BEEK on the Danube River up to late July 1949. Their departure (probably for the DOELMESHEIM troop training grounds) was observed at that time. The observation of 11 August 1949 indicates that recruits probably remained at the post.
- c. Most of the troops of the unit stationed in BAD RISCRAU left for maneuvers in mid-June 1949.
- d. The small guard detail in RAINBURG (referred to as rear detail in May 1949) was confirmed.

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